

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

**9:00 a.m. CST**

Via Zoom

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President Helm made a motion to call the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST. Pankratz seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Board Members:** Fallon Helm, Kallyn Reinert, Alvin Trace, and Lorin Pankratz

**Others in attendance:** Melissa Miller, Steve Blair, Moriah Pokorny, Heather Herrick, Sierra, Olawa Rae-Bruhjell, Tonia McGeorge, Jolene Malsam, Alora Weinrich, SD school of massage students and instructors, Mele-Ann Rae Bruhjell, Ashley Hernandez, Bob Mercer, and Victoria

**Approval of Agenda:** Helm suggested to have a discussion on the next meeting (July 26, 2023) on the time of the meeting to be added to the agenda. Trace made a motion to approve agenda. Reinert second the motion. A roll call was taken. **Motion Passed.**

**Approval of the draft minutes (March 22, 2023):** Trace made a motion to approve minutes. Reinert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

**Open Forum:** Alora Weinrich request for consideration of reciprocity of program hours. Olawa Rae from Springs Bath House talked about handful of PTA students that would like to apply for MT license using hours as PTA.

**Executive Secretary Report and Updates**

- Applications (Board policy to approve applications) – check list is used to verify information with letter sent if/when – information packet.
- Postings Meetings to website (dates, time, agenda, minutes, etc.)  
<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=64>
- CE Broker – Discussion regarding harvested data and current rule statute to secure supported progressive movement; Review and release privacy and confidentiality to ensures are protected. BIT is reviewing.
- Board Appointment – no appointment
- Financial Reports – Miller will look into a report of hours/salary/contract/pro-rate from financials for the next meeting.

Rules Hearing (9:30 a.m.) Steve Blair, Legal Counsel conducted the hearing. There was no opposition to the rule change. Pankratz made a motion to repeal 20:76:02:01. Reinert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion Passed.

\*Vote moved rules hearing next step is to get passed rules review committee for final approval.

Helm made a motion at 9:40 a.m. to go into executive session. Trace seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

### **Case 2023-001 (Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (3))**

Helm made motion at 10:29 a.m. to come out of executive session. Trace seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

Reinert made a motion to dismiss complaint 2023-001 with lack of merit upon review of both parties and documentation. Helm seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Reinert abstained. **Motion Passed.**

### **Online Education/School Requirements – Steve Blair**

Verification of education & application of licensure 20:76:01:06 when applying for MT license with pre-existing education – future process agreed upon the board will include application and verification submission to the board to include:

<https://doh.sd.gov/boards/massage/assets/Application.pdf>

<https://doh.sd.gov/boards/massage/assets/EducationVerification.pdf>

35:36:12 licensure and qualifications – completion of hours recognized facility by the board – administrative rules 20:76:01:06 – 200 hours of hands-on training must be completed 20:76:08:01 list of recognized facilities 08:02 also allows a facility to be recognized by the board if it meets other criteria licensed or approved by state board of massage therapy or accredited by accredited body by department of education.

### **Other Business:**

Meeting dates and times were discussed. Below is a link to meeting dates, times, and materials.

<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=64>

Helm suggested that the Executive Secretary attend the FSMTB Summit that is for board staff only. Miller was unable to attend this because of her schedule. September 28-30 is the FSMTB Annual Meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend. Reinert will go and Helm may attend at her own expense.

Next meeting is July 26 at 9 a.m. and it is a in person meeting in Pierre. A hearing is scheduled to take place after the meeting with a start time of 1 p.m.

### **Adjournment:**

At 11:04 a.m. Trace made a motion to adjourn. Reinert second the motion. A roll call vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**